



ARTICLES

to be inquired of,

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In the Diocesan Visitation, of the
 most Reuerend Father in GOD, *Toby*
 by the prouidence of GOD, L. Arch-
 bishop of Yorke, Primate of
England, and Metropolitane.

Begunne and continued in the
 yeeres of our LORD GOD 1618,
 and 1619. And in the 13. yeere of
 his Graces Translation.



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*The tenor of the Oath to be mi-
nistr'd to the Churchwardens
and Sworne-men.*



Ou and euery of you shal sweare
by Almighty God, that (all affe-
ction and respect set aside) vpon
due and deliberate considerati-
on of these Articles giuen in charge, you
shall make a true, full and particular answer
in writing, to the same Articles and euery of
them, presenting all and singular offences,
and offenders therein mentioned : wherein
you shall deale faithfully, and vprightly, as
before God. So helpe you God in Iesus
Christ.



Articles to be inquired of, by the

Church-wardens and Sworne-men in the said

visitation of the Lo. Archbishop of Yorke.

Anno Dom. 1619.

For the Clergie.

I*nprimis.* Whether your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Minister be a Preacher of Gods word, and a maintainer and furtherer of Religion now established by publicke authoritie within this Realme of *England*, or no.

2. *Item.* Whether he doe in his Sermons, Lectures, and other exercises, moue the people to ioine with him in praier for the Kings Maiestie, our gracious Queene *Anne*, the noble Prince *Charles*, and their royall issue, with addition of such stile and title as of right doth appertaineto his Maiestie, and whether any since the 25. of September 1605. haue refused, or willingly omitted, or neglected so to doe.

3. *Item.* Whether he be a Preacher lawfully admitted, and by what authoritie. And whether your Minister or Church-wardens haue since the time aforesaid, suffered any man to preach in your Church, but such as haue first shewed their licences to preach, either from the Lord Archbishop of *Yorke*, or Bishop of the Diocesse where hee dwelleth, or one of the Vniuersities, vnder their Seale.

4. *Item.* Whether he be painfull and diligent in preaching, as also in Catechising the youth of your Parish, vpon Sundayes and Holidayes. And how many Sermons hath your Parson, Vicar, or Minister preached in his owne Church within this yeere last past. And if he be not a Preacher, how many Sermons by his procurement or otherwise haue there beene preached this last yeere, & by whom. And whether were they that preached the same, licenced or no, and by whom.

5. *Item.* Whether any lectures be read, or Exercises vsed
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within your Parish, either publicly in the Church, or privately in any house by any not licenced there-vnto by the Arch-bishop, or Bishop, or the one of the Vniuersities, or being licensed. doe refuse to conforme themselves to the Lawes, Ordinances, and Rites Ecclesiasticall, established in the Church of *England*. And whether any such so reading, or exercising, doe teach or professe any doctrine of Innouation not agreeing to the Ordinances of the Church of *England*: as Papistrie, Brownisme, or any other Heresie or Schismaticall error, whereby themselves or others may be drawne from their due obedience in causes Ecclesiasticall.

6. *Item*. Whether your Minister not being a Preacher, doe euery Sunday, when there is no Sermon, reade some part of the Homilies set forth and appointed by publike authoritie.

7. *Item*. Whether your Common praier be read by your Minister in your Church or Chapell, distinctly and reuerently vpon all Sundaies, Holidais, and other daies, as is prescribed in or by the booke of Common praier, without any innouation or omission, and at due and convenient houres. And whether in like sort the Sacraments be reuerently ministred, as in and by the same booke is appointed.

8. *Item*. Whether doth your Minister vsually weare the Surplesse whilest he is saying the publike praiers, and ministring the Sacraments. And if he be a graduate, whether doth he also vpon his Surplesse weare such a Hood, as is agreeable to his degree, and such decent apparell, as by the late Constitutions are appointed.

9. *Item*. Whether doth your Minister in the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme, vse the signe of the Crosse according to the Booke of Common praier. And whether hath he deferred or refused to baptise any Infant being in danger of death, hauing notice of the weakenesse thereof. And whether in his default hath any died without Baptisme.

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10. *Item.* Whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate admitted any to the holy Communion, or to be God-father or God-mother at Baptisme, being a person excommunicate, any knowne or notorious offenders, any not instructed in the principles of Religion, or any to the Communion which then were not of your parish. And whether hath he so often and at such times administered the same, as euery parishioner may receiue the same at the least euery yeere thrice, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common praier is appointed.

11. *Item.* Whether hath he churched any woman after the birth of her childe begotten in Incest, Adulterie, Fornication, or married any woman so begotten with childe without publike confession of their faults at their Churching or mariages in the presence of the Congregation, vpon some Sabbath or Festiual day at morning praier time, leauing their further punishment to the Ordinary, or other competent Iudge.

12. *Item.* Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, Curate or Minister, since the 25. of September 1605. celebrated Matrimonie without licence granted by such as haue Episcopall authoritie, except the Banes of Matrimonie were formerly published three seuerall Sundaies or Holidayes in the time of diuine seruice in the Parish Church or Chapell where the said parties then dwelt, and at any other time then betweene the houres of eight and twelue of the clocke in the fore-noone, or in any other place, then in the Church or Chapell, where one of the parties dwelt. And whether without consent of Parents, or other Gouernours.

13. *Item.* Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, moe Benefices or Ecclesiasticall promotions then one, and what be their names, and where is he most resiant. And if hee haue more, how is hee qualified and dispensed withall to hold the same. And how doth hee supplie his absence, whether by a Curate or Minister licenced to

Preach, or not. And if he be, then by whom is he licenced. And what distribution doth he make thereby to the poore, where he is not resident.

14. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any moe Cures then one ; and if so, then what other Cure doth he serue.

15. *Item.* Whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate according to an act of Parliament in that behalfe made, call vpon and require the people of his parish to solemnize and keepe holy the fift day of Nouember, and that day doe come to the Church to ioyne in praiers and thankesgiuing for the happie deliuerance of his Maiestie, the Queene, Prince, and States of Parliament from the most traiterous and bloudy intended massacre by Gunpowder, and whether doe the people of your parish accordingly repaire to the Church, or doe any refuse or neglect so to doe, present their names and Sur-names.

16. *Item.* Whether doth he carefully visit the sicke of his parish by exhorting and ministring vnto them, as by the Booke of Common praier is appointed. And whether doth he attend the buriall of the dead by meeting the Corpes at the Church-stile, & so accompany the same to the Church or Graue, saying or singing such places of Scripture as are appointed by the said Booke.

17. *Item.* Whether is your Minister suspected or defamed to haue obtained his Benefice by Symonie, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or keepeth any woman in his house suspected of incontinencie, or to bee a common Drunkard, or a common gamester or plaier at Dice, or doth keepe or suffer to be kept any Ale-house in his Parsonage, or Vicarage house, or faultie in any other crime punishable by the Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensive to his Ministerie and calling.

18. *Item.* Whether your Minister, Church-wardens and others, for the retaining of the circuit of your parish by perambulations as hath beene prescribed, doe vse the same without

without superstition, or popish Ceremonie.

19. *Item.* Whether doth your Parson or Vicar maintaine and keepe in due reparations the mansion-houses and other Edifices belonging to their Ecclesiasticall livings, without suffering them to fall into ruine and decay.

20. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday according to the Booke of Common praier, make knowne to the people what holidayes and fasting dayes are in the weeke following.

21. *Item.* Whether your Minister being a Preacher, offer quiet and temperate conference to Popish Recusants: and endeouour diligently to reclaim them from their errors. And whether they or any of them refuse such conference offered vnto them by your said Minister, or other Preacher, and what be their names and surnames.

22. *Item.* Whether any Bishop, Chancellor, Arch-deacon, Commissarie, Officiall, or other Iudge or Officer Ecclesiasticall for any composition, agreement or paiment of any summe of money, haue suppressed and concealed the excommunication or other Ecclesiasticall censure, of or against any Popish recusant or other offender. And what summe of money or other consideration hath beene promised or receiued in that behalfe to your knowledge, or as you haue heard reported.

23. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister euery halfe yeere once denounce in your parish, all such parishioners as doe remaine excommunicate and seeke not to be absolued. And how long hath any excommunicate person continued vnder the censure thereof, and admitted into the Church without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary.

24. *Item.* Whether hath your Minister publikely in your Parish Church or Chapell once euery yeere read ouer the Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiasticall agreed vpon by the Clergie of both Prouinces, *Anno Domini* 1603. according to his Maiesties commandement.

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25. *Item.* Whether you haue in your Parish Church
or Chapell all things necessary and requisite for
Common praier and administration of the Sacraments: As
the booke of Common praier with the new Kalender: The
English Bible of the new Translation in the largest volume:
Two Psalters: Two bookes of Homilies: A decent Bap-
tisterie or Font: A Table of the 10. Commandements: A
conuenient seat for the Minister to reade seruice in: A
comely and decent Pulpit with Cloth and Cushion for the
same: A comely Communion Table, with a faire linnen
cloth to lay vpon the same, and some couering of silke,
buckram, or other such like for the cleane keeping thereof:
A faire and comely Communion cup of siluer, with a siluer
couer, such as may serue for ministration of the holy Com-
munion: A decent large Surplesse with sleeues: A Chest
or box for the poore: And the said booke of Constitutions
and Canons Ecclesiasticall.

26. *Item.* Whether the body of your Church and Cha-
pell, with the Chancell be well and sufficiently repaired,
and kept without prophanation or abuse any way. And if
decaid or prophaned, through whose default: And whether
your bells and stals in the same be well maintained, your
Church-yard well walled or fenced, and decently kept: and
if the same in any part be decaied, through whose default.

27. *Item.* Whether any Almes-house, Hospitall, Schoole
or Spittell within your Parish be well and godly vsed, ac-
cording to the foundation and true intent of the Founders
thereof. And whether any pension or stipend due to any
of them be detained, and by whom.

28. *Item.* Whether the Baptisterie or Font be removed
from the vsuall place; or whether any persons leaving the
vs thereof, doe baptize children in basons or other vessels
not vsed in the Church, or whether any children bee
baptized or Christened in private houses, otherwise then
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in cases of necessitie, and by a lawfull Minister : and if yea, then whose children were they, and by whom were they baptised. And whether such so baptised, were afterwards brought to the Church for further manifestation and approbation thereof, according to the Booke of Common Prayer ?

29. *Item.* Whether are there any person or persons inhabiting or sojourning within your parish or Chappellrie that be notorious Recusants, or which negligently or seldom come to your Church or Chappell, vpon Sabboths or Feastiuall dayes, and who be they, and what be their names and surnames, and with whom haue they sojourned, and how long haue they so continued, and of what estate, age, condition or degree they are of, and whether there be any within your said parish or Chappellrie aboue the age of 16. yeares, which doe not yearely communicate thrise at the least, whereof once at Easter, and who be they ?

30. *Item.* Whether are there any resiant within your parish who haue beene convicted of Recusancie, which haue conformed themselves, and not receiued the Sacrament of the Lords Supper within one whole yeere after the conformitie, and for how many yeeres haue they not receiued the same, & what be their names and surnames ?

31. *Item.* Whether are there within your parish any Popish Recusants, of bold, insolent, and offensive behaviour, which presume to seduce and withdraw others, either in their owne families or elsewhere, from the true Religion now established, or from due obedience to his Maiestie; or which make special choise of Recusants to be their servants ?

32. *Item.* Whether do your Minister, Church-wardens, Quest-men and Assistants yearely within 40. dayes after Easter exhibit to the Bishop or his Chancellor according to the 12. Canon, the names and surnames of all the Parishioners as well men as women, which being of the age of 16. yeres, receiued not the Communion at Easter before.

23. *Item.* Whether the Youth of your parish doe diligently repaire to your Church or Chappell upon Saboths, and Holidais to be Catechised. And if not in whose default, Canon. 59

24. *Item.* Whether any doe go out of the Church or Chappell, or doe vse talking, walking, or sleeping, or any other vnseemely offences, or other vnreuerend behauiour in the time of publike prayer, preaching, celebration of the Sacraments, or catechising, and who are they?

25. *Item.* Whether there bee any which priuately or publikely by speech or otherwise depraue any part of the true Religion established within this Realme, or the Ministers or Professors thereof: or whether any Lectures, conuenticles or priuate exercises be read or vsed within your parish either in the Church, or in any house. And whether any such Reader do teach any doctrine of inuouation, to with-draw the people from their due obedience to the ordinances of the Church set forth by publike authoritie, or to cause them to forbear to participate in prayers, or Sacraments with our Church.

26. *Item.* Whether haue you any Schoole-master, who teacheth either publikely or priuately within your said parish or Chappell not being lawfully licensed thereunto by writing vnder seale, & how long hath he there taught? And whether doth he teach the booke intituled God and the King according to his Maesties proclamation.

27. *Item.* Whether any within your parish or Chappell doe suffer any to ear, drinke, play, iangle or rattle in their house or yard. Or any Butcher or Trades-man their shop windowes to be kept open to sell meate, drinke or wares on Sundaies in time of morning & euening prayers, Sermons Lectures, or Chatechising: or any that labour or worke on the Sabboth or other commanded Festiual dayes to the hinderance of prayers, Sermons, or other godly exercises.

28. *Item.* Whether any within your parish, do chide, brawle, quarrell or fight within your Church or Church-yard,

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yard, what are their names and surnames and who be the same. And whether any of them haue drawne any weapon there, with purpose to strike with the same?

39. *Item.* Whether are there within your said parish or chappelrie, any rush bearing, bull-baytings, beare-baitings, may-games, morrice-dances, ailes or any such like prophane pastimes or assemblies on the sabboth to the hinderance of prayers, sermons, or other godly exercises?

40. *Item.* Whether there bee any within your parish, who haue behaued themselues rudely or disorderly in your Church or Chappell, or which by vntimely ringing of Bells; by walking, talking, or otherwise haue hindered the Minister or Preacher?

41. *Item.* Whether be there any within your parish or chappelrie that vse to ring the bells superstitiously vpon any abrogated Holy-daies or the Eauenings thereof: And whether is the passing bell tolled when any christian body is sicke & like to die, as it ought to be. And after the death of any whether there be any superstitious ringing, superstitious burning of candles over the Corse in the day-time, after it be light. Or praying for the dead at crosses or places where crosses haue bin, in the way to the church, or any other superstitious vse of crosses with towels, palmes, met-wands, or other memories of Idolatrie at burials, or superstitiously do go on Pilgrimages, or any places dedicated to our Lady, or any Saints, or otherwise?

42. *Item.* Whether are you provided of a Parchment booke, in which haue been and are written the name of all children, men, and women Baptised, Married, or Buried within your parish, contained in your former Register booke, and since the beginnaing of the reigne of the late *Queene Elizabeth*. And whether the day and yeere of euery christning, wedding and buriall which haue beene in your parish hath beene duely written in the booke. And whether you haue a sure coffer with three locks and keys for the safe custody thereof?

43. *Item.* Whether is there placed by your Register, two tables containing the seuerall rates and summies of all fees due to the Iudge and other Officers of your Court, one in the vsuall place or Consistorie where the Court is kept, and the other in his Regestrie in such sort, as every man may come to view the same without difficultie: And whether your Chancellor, Arch-deacon or any other Officer or Minister doe exact or extort any greater fees or summes of money, then in the said Tables are contained and if so, let the same be expressed?

44. *Item.* Whether are there or haue beene since his Maiesties most happie Reigne ouer this Kingdome, within your Parish or Chappelry any incestuous persons, Adulterers or Fornicators. Or since the 25. of September 1605. any Usurers, Drunkards, Swearers, or any other who are vehemently suspected or defamed of any such crime, and who be they?

45. *Item.* Whether within your Parish or Chappelrie are there, or haue been since his Maiesties so happy reigne, any persons hauing two wiues, or any Woman two husbands, or any married within the degrees forbidden, or without Banes three seuerall Sundaies or Hollidaies first published, or in the time by law prohibited, without lawfull licencethereunto by such as haue Episcopall authoritie, or any who haue had carnall knowledge together before their marriage, or that are vehemently suspected thereof, and who they be?

46. *Item.* Whether haue any been priuately married together within your Parish by any vnknowne Priest or Minister, or any who haue not procured their children to be publikely baptised in your said Church or Chappell according to the Booke of Common praier, & who they be?

47. *Item.* Whether any within your Parish or Chappellrie haue harboured any women begotten with childe forth of lawfull Matrimonie, and haue suffered them to depart away vnpunished. Or any who do harbour or releue any

any obstinate Recusants or excommunicated persons, and what & how many Recusants or persons excommunicate bee there within your said Parish or Chappell, and how long haue they so remained and for what causes they were so excommunicate?

48. *Item.* Whether any of your Parish. do refuse to contribute towards the reparations of your Church or Chappell or towards the prouision of any necessarie ornaments therein, or that refuse to pay your Curate or Parish Clerke his wages, or other vsuall duties, and who they be?

49. *Item.* Whether the Church-wardens and Side-men be chosen according to the 89. and 90. Canons; and during their time haue faithfully & dutifully discharged their Office, and at or before their going out off the same, made a iust account of their receipts and proceedings to the vse of the Church. And whether any part of your Church stock or any other thing giuen to any godly publike vse, be deliuered to any, or otherwise imployed, then appertaineth?

50. *Item.* Whether your parish Clerke be dutifull and diligent in attending the Minister; and of sufficiency to discharge his place or not?

51. *Item.* Whether any within your parish or Chappell do occupy or intermeddle with the goods or cattels of any deceased person whatsoever, whose Will, if any such be is not lawfully approued, or dying Intestate, the Administration thereof not lawfully granted and who they be?

52. *Item.* Whether your Arch-deacon his Officiall or Deputy, or any other exercising Ecclesiastical Iurisdiction within this Diocesse in places exempt or not exempt other then the Chancellor of the said Diocetie, especially since the 25. of September 1605. haue taken vpon them to grant any licence for marriages within your parish: And how many licences haue beene so granted, and what be the names of them that haue bin married by vertue of any such licence, & by what Minister haue the same bin celebrated?

53. *Item.* Whether the said Arch-deacon or others as

aforesaid haue since the 25. day of *September* 1605. censured, or absolued any person or persons which haue by law incurred the sentence of Excommunication *ipso facto*, either for solemnizing or being present at any marriages the banes not asked, nor any lawfull licence obtained, or for fighting, quarrelling or brawling, or drawing any weapon with purpose to strike in any Church or Church-yard?

54. *Item.* Whether the said Arch-deacon or others as aforesaid haue since the said 25. day of *September* 1605. granted any admissions for Curates, licences for Schoole-masters or Parish Clerkes, sequestrations of vacant Benefices by their supposed authoritie, and how many and to whom and what be their names?

55. *Item.* Whether haue they or any of them commuted any corporall punishment for any sum of money and what be their names whose punishment haue beene commuted, for what offence, by whom and for what summe of money, and how hath the said money beene imploied?

56. And lastly whether is there within your said Parish or Chappelrie any Offender or Offendors in any other crime against the said Canons and Constitutions and other lawes Ecclesiasticall not expressly contained in any of these Articles, whose reformation may be had by Ecclesiasticall authoritie, and who and what the same are?

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